

# The LEAFLET



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## Remembering 9/11: Ten Years Later

Ten years ago, we shared in an experience that forever changed the American landscape and deeply affected our lives. In honor of the victims and heroes of that day, nine years ago the City renamed El Toro Park II to Heroes Park and dedicated the park in their honor with the following memorial:

***Heroes Park is dedicated to Lake Forest's law enforcement and fire safety personnel in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001, Attack on America.***

*The next time you visit Heroes Park, take a minute to remember 9/11.*

## Heroes Park



***Look inside for photos of the newly expanded  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest! ... Page 5***

## CITY MANAGER'S

*Message**Parks Make Life Better!*

The City is proud to offer residents 27 parks providing access to the great outdoors, filled with space to play and exercise, and facilities for recreation and community building! The City has a long-standing commitment of providing quality recreational facilities to the community, especially developed parkland.

Results from the 2010 Resident Survey indicate that the preservation and enhancement of public facilities, including developed parkland, is also of great importance to the community. In 2007, the City adopted a Recreation Master Plan, which authorized \$8 million to implement various capital improvement projects. These projects have included constructing a restroom/snack bar at Heroes Park, transforming Pittsford Park into a Universally Accessible Park, and renovation projects at Alton, Borrego, El Toro, Foothill Ranch, and Ranchwood Parks. The most recent additions to our newly renovated list are Mountain View Park, Concourse Park, and the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest, completed in August (see pictures from our celebration events on pages 4 and 5).

Over the next year, Tamarisk and Rimgate Parks will be renovated based on community input, completing the final improvements from the 2007 Plan. As we wrap up the Recreation Master Plan, the City will continue to focus on meeting the community's desire for enhanced recreational facilities by reviewing park amenities throughout the community for improvement as necessary and as resources permit. To see the Recreation Master Plan in action, check out the time lapse video on the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest expansion project on the City's homepage. In addition, stay tuned for more information on one of our most exciting parks projects – development of the Lake Forest Sports Park. For more information on Lake Forest parks, visit [www.lakeforestca.gov/parkguide](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/parkguide).

See you at the park!

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Dunek*

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City Manager

## Free Document Shredding

Lake Forest Police Services offers free document shredding for Lake Forest residents. Drop-off bins are located at the City Hall Police Services counter (25550 Commercentre Drive). Documents are placed into locked bins and are shredded by Saddleback Shredding Inc., a company bonded through the Western Surety Company.

### Program Guidelines:

- Participants must bring proof of Lake Forest residency (such as an utility bill).
- Participants may bring one storage box (approximately 10"H, 15"W, 24"D) per week.
- Storage boxes should be filled with paper documents only.
- Only documents listing personal information (e.g., Date of Birth, Social Security Number, and Account Information) are eligible for this free shredding program. No junk mail.
- **Drop off hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays.**
- Program is not available to businesses.

For more information, contact  
461-3545 or 461-3546.

## Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 6
- Tuesday, September 20 (cancelled)
- Tuesday, October 4
- Tuesday, October 18



## 2012 Calendar Contest

### *Be Featured in the 2012 20th Anniversary Calendar*

Lake Forest is turning 20, and we want to see how far we've come! We're looking for your pictures of Lake Forest from 1991 to today to showcase during our 20th Anniversary Celebration and in our 20th Anniversary Calendar. So send in your favorite shots of Lake Forest past and present. Submissions will be accepted through October 10, 2011.

Submit photos online via Ask Lake Forest at [www.lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest) or mail or drop off photos at City Hall. For more information, call Community Services at 461-3450.

## AskLakeForest.com

Do you have a question for the City? Do you need to report a safety issue? Do you have a comment or suggestion to share? Do you want to get in touch with the City Council? You can do all these things using ALF – Ask Lake Forest. ALF is a 24-hour online request system that provides constituents with access to City Hall from the comfort of their own home.

ALF can be accessed on the City's website at [www.lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest). If you are new to ALF, select a login ID and password, or if you prefer, you can leave an anonymous message. We here at City Hall are committed to continuing our tradition of excellent customer service and communications by responding to all requests in a timely manner. For more information, contact 282-5214. We look forward to hearing from you!



### CITY SPONSORS FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP –

## “Legal Topics for Small Business”

**Thursday, October 6  
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

The City of Lake Forest and SCORE Business Counselors invite you to attend the “Legal Topics for Small Business” workshop on Thursday, October 6, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lake Forest City Hall, 25550 Commercentre Drive. The workshop will cover the most common legal mistakes that small business owners make in addition to the best legal structure for a business. Attendees will also learn more about contracts, partnership agreements, basic legal requirements for starting a business, and much more.

Elissa Warantz, a member of SCORE and a practicing attorney for 25 years, will present the workshop. Ms. Warantz has served as an in-house attorney for a Fortune 100 company as well as a litigator and general business lawyer in private practice. She has advised numerous clients on the legal issues involved in starting and establishing a business, including choosing a business entity, incorporating, drafting commercial contracts and other agreements, managing employees, and more. Don't miss out on this informative workshop. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited! RSVP with Economic Development by emailing [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov) or by calling 461-3567.





# Park Renovations – Mountain View And Concourse

## Community Celebrates Mountain View Park and Concourse Park Renovations

August was a busy month for Community Services as they hosted *three* renovation celebrations – Mountain View Park, Concourse Park, and the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest! Check out the photos of the cool new features and then come check out the renovations in person this fall!



Concourse Park



Mountain View Park

## Lake Forest Park Rules

We love each and every one of our 27 parks, and we hope you do too! To help ensure that everyone can enjoy our parks today, and for years to come, we ask that you observe the following rules:

- Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to Sunset (Lighted sports facilities are open until 10:00 p.m.)
- All litter must be removed or deposited in trash receptacles.
- Dogs and cats must be on leashes, not to exceed 6 feet long. Removal of animal feces is the responsibility of the animal's custodian or owner.
- Golfing, archery and model airplanes are not permitted the park.
- Firearms and weapons are not permitted in the park.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park.
- Fires authorized by permit only in designated area.
- Horses are permitted only in designated areas.
- Please stay off bikes, skateboards and roller skates/blades in the park.
- Vehicles may not be driven off the drives or parking areas.
- Motorcycles and motorized bicycles may be operated only on driveways and in parking lots.
- Overnight camping and overnight parking are prohibited. Report all misuses of the park and acts of vandalism to City Hall (461-3400) or the Sheriff's Department (770-6011).

# ETNIES SKATEPARK OF LAKE FOREST Expansion Area Opens to Rave Reviews

Skaters of all ages came from near and far to celebrate the grand opening of the expansion area on August 20. The 16,000 square foot expansion includes features found at famous skate spots such as San Francisco's China Banks in Chinatown and the Pier 7 Ledge off the Embarcadero. In addition, skaters can check out a backyard-style pool and the highlight of the expansion – a cradle.



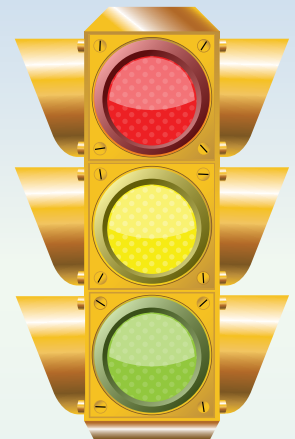
## Capital Improvement Projects Update:

# Traffic Signal Synchronization Project

### New traffic signal timing for Bake Parkway, Lake Forest Drive, Trabuco Road, and Portola Parkway

The City's Traffic Signal Synchronization project establishes communications between adjacent intersections, allowing multiple traffic signals to work together, reducing traffic congestion and making it easier to get around town. Phase 2 of the project is now underway and involves re-timing the majority of the City's intersections. Bake Parkway, Lake Forest Drive, Trabuco Road, and Portola Parkway are now all operating under the new timing plans.

The City will also be implementing left turn changes over the next few months. In order to provide as much coordination as possible, many of the City's left turn movements will be updated to a "lead/lag" progression. This means that one direction of left turn movements will occur at the beginning of a light cycle, and the opposing direction of left turns will be at the end. For more info, call Public Works at 461-3480.





# Just A Reminder – City Hall Drop-Off Boxes

In its efforts to promote a clean, safer environment, the City of Lake Forest has Drop-Off Boxes available for residents use located at City Hall in the Public Counter Area. The type of containers available for drop-off use are listed below:



**Batteries:** All types of residential, in home use batteries are accepted. *(Drop boxes are also available at the El Toro and Foothill Ranch Libraries)*



**Sharps:** All sharps, injection needles, lancets, syringes are accepted. They must be enclosed in a rigid, puncture resistant sealed container, up to one-gallon. No loose sharps can be accepted.



**Medications:** All non-controlled (over the counter) medications are accepted. *(No Liquid Medications)*

## Give Them a Second Chance

Plastic bags are made out of "film" or thin flexible sheets of plastic. The majority of plastic film is made from polyethylene resin and is readily recyclable into many different products. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber but can also be reprocessed into small pellets, which can be used for a variety of products such as new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and pipe. You can help give plastic bags a second chance by returning clean, dry, empty plastic bags to recycling drop off centers or retailers like your local supermarket that provide designated plastic bag recycling bins. Check out <http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org> for more information about plastic bag recycling.

## 15th Annual Inner-Coastal and Watershed Clean-Up Day



The City of Lake Forest is once again sponsoring and promoting participation in the Inner-Coastal and Watershed Clean-Up Day. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011. The event is part of California Clean-Up Day, which is held each September and brings together volunteers that collect trash and debris, in order to keep it out of our creeks, lakes, and ocean.

Last year's Orange County event proved very successful in attracting over 1,928 volunteers that collected over 38,160 pounds of trash and recyclable material that would have entered our creeks, rivers, lakes and beaches. The City encourages your participation this year at a local cleanup site or any one of the clean-up sites planned for Orange County.

**City of Lake Forest Site Info:** Aliso Creek Trail (Between Rockfield Blvd. & I-5), enter via Sycamore Park, 25101 Charlinda Drive, Mission Viejo, CA



**Date:** September 17, 2011

**Time:** 8:30 am-Noon

**What to bring:** Reusable bag/bucket, water bottle, gloves, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and a hat.

To volunteer or to learn more, visit: <http://www.lakeforestca.gov/CleanUpDay> or contact Devin Slaven by email at [dslaven@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:dslaven@lakeforestca.gov) or by phone at 461-3436.

**Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.**

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480. 24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline **877- 89-SPILL**

# Recreation/Events Calendar

## Fall 2011 (September, October)

### SEPTEMBER

#### Band Nights at the Skatepark

6 pm-10 pm  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)  
Fee: \$5 per person at the door



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#### Sleepy Hollow Hike

9 am-11 am  
Concourse Park  
(18931 Saddleback Ranch Rd.)  
Fee: \$5 (includes snack and bottled water)  
**Pre-registration is required for this activity.**



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### OCTOBER

#### Band Nights at the Skatepark

6 pm-10 pm  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)  
Fee: \$5 per person at the door



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#### Red Rock Canyon Hike

9 am-12 pm  
Whiting Ranch/Borrego Entrance Parking Lot  
Fee: \$5 (includes snack and bottled water)  
Additional \$3 parking fee per car  
**Pre-registration is required for this activity.**



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#### Haunt at Heritage Hill

5:30 pm-10 pm  
Heritage Hill Historical Park  
(25151 Serrano Rd.)  
Fee: \$5 per person at the door  
Ages 12 and older please.

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#### Autumn Harvest Festival

4 pm-9 pm  
Heritage Hill Historical Park  
(25151 Serrano Rd.)  
Fee: \$4 adults, \$3 children (under 12)  
Pay at the door



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#### Hallow's Eve Bowl Jam

4 pm-10 pm  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)  
Fee: \$25 day of contest  
(Register at Skatepark beginning at 3 pm)



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## HAUNT AT HERITAGE HILL

October 21 • 5:30 pm-10 pm



## Autumn Harvest Festival

October 22 • 4 pm-9 pm



**For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.**





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## Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care . . . . . 249-5160  
Building Division . . . . . 461-3470  
Building Inspection . . . . 461-3468  
City Clerk . . . . . 461-3420  
City Council . . . . . 461-3420  
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410  
Code Enforcement . . . . 461-3474  
Community  
Policing Center . . . . . 461-3530  
Etnies Skatepark . . . . . 916-5870  
Graffiti Hotline . . . . . 461-3583  
Planning . . . . . 461-3491  
Public Works . . . . . 461-3480  
Recreation . . . . . 461-3450  
Redevelopment . . . . . 461-3567

### IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City  
[www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov)  
Economic Development  
[www.lakeforestbusiness.com](http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com)  
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency  
[www.thearbor.info](http://www.thearbor.info)  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
[www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com](http://www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com)



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## "EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.



**For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.**

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Lake Forest Garden Club	California Sycamore	Peachwood Park	Anne Breuer – Lake Forest Garden Club President
Dick and Pat Fenton	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In memory of Our Friend and Neighbor, Gary Cook
Candace Cain	Magnolia Tree	Alton Park	In Honor of Alfonso Moreno's Beloved Mother, Elsa Moreno
Lenora Delameter – Wife of H.A., Ellis Delameter – Son, Maruin Delameter – Son	Magnolia Tree	Rancho Serrano Park	In Honor of H.A. Delameter

## FAIR HOUSING

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and co-operates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.



## Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" – a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. Visit [www.ocpetinfo.com](http://www.ocpetinfo.com) for more available animals. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit [ocgov.com](http://ocgov.com).  
[www.lakeforestca.gov/pet\\_of\\_the\\_week](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week)

